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Intelligence Lacking?

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President Kennedy, Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and Secretary of State Dean Rusk and other New Frontiersmen insist it was not until October 15 that Washington received "hard" evidence that medium and long-range Soviet nuclear missiles were in Cuba. That, of course, was the ideal time for Kennedy to "get tough" with Russia so he could win support for leftiest candidates for congress.

One may well wonder how "hard" the evidence had to be. News correspondents and analysts had been reporting the build-up for months before the Kennedy announcement. In fact, the only

thing that surprised the people of this country when Kennedy suddenly announced Russia had placed nuclear bombs in Cuba was the fact that he announced it. Everyone thought everybody else already knew it.

Representative Dante Fascell, D., Fla., points out that these missiles were shipped to Cuba as virtually complete units. "Where," he asks, "was United States intelligence during all this? He thinks the C.I.A. agents must have been blind.

Or, was he suggesting another meaning when he asked, "Where was United States intelligence?"